

ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITION D

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Voter approval of Proposition D would amend Sections 201, 202 and 214 of the Long Beach City Charter, relating to residency requirements for City Council candidates, to the seeking of two City elective offices simultaneously, and to the placement of a termed-out candidate's name on the ballot, as are more particularly described below:

Presently, candidates for City Council offices must be legally registered voters and residents of their district at least thirty days before the first day that such candidates may file their candidacy papers. The proposed amendment would change this requirement to provide that candidates must be legally registered voters and residents of their district at least thirty days before the last day that such candidates may file their candidacy papers. The purpose of this change is to bring the residency requirement of the Charter into compliance with a mandate of the California Supreme Court.

Presently, the Long Beach City Charter prohibits a person from being a candidate for the offices of Mayor and City Council at the same time. The proposed amendment would further prohibit a person from being a candidate for any two City elected offices at the same time.

Presently, the Long Beach City Charter prohibits the name of a candidate for Mayor or City Council who has served two full terms (a "termed-out candidate") from appearing on any ballot. The proposed amendment would permit a termed-out candidate's name to appear on the ballot of a run-off election, if that termed-out candidate places first or second in the primary election.